

KNIGHTS TEMPLARS HAVE OBSERVANCE

Proper Celebration of Christmas by Petersburg Lodge.

Times-Dispatch Bureau,
169 North Sycamore Street,
Petersburg, Va., December 25.

As is usual, and in obedience to an order of Grand Commander A. W. Traylor, of Danville, the Sir Knights of Appomattox Commandery, No. 6, of this city, met in their regular hall, Tabb Street, promptly at noon today to appropriately observe the day. The following sentiment and response were drunk:

Sentiment—"To our Most Eminent Grand Master Henry Warren Ruggs with Christmas greetings. May his future be as bright as his shining path of achievement." Grand Master—"To our Soldiers of the Temple the Knights of the Cross the Brotherhood of Christian charity two hundred thousand strong—Greeting and Godspeed! I have profound emotion and grateful appreciation that I respond to the suggestive sentiment honoring me by its personal reference. Comrades, together we have touched hearts and hands in Templar faith and works. The prestige of the past the power of the present, the promise of the future, may well inspire us to continued loyal, loving service for our cherished order. Prosperous and strong to us as ever before, it is one of the world's mightiest forces to translate the truth of the latest Christian message into helpfulness and universal brotherhood."

There are two Grand Commanders of Virginia Knights Templars who are members of Appomattox Commandery—Right Eminent Sir James B. Blanks and Right Eminent Sir John E. Townes.

News in General.
Petersburg Council, Knights of Columbus, yesterday placed on the grave of Sister Mariana, St. Joseph's Cemetery, a beautiful wreath of flowers, in the center of which was the emblem of the order, as a mark of respect for her forty-five years as a Sister of Charity. Sister Mariana recently died here.

The annual sermon, which was to have been preached before A. B. Hill Camp of Confederate Veterans, 62nd year night in Tabb Street Presbyterian Church by the Rev. J. S. Foster, D. D., has been postponed until the following Sunday night.

In a difficulty last night between Joe Williams and a Catholic priest, the latter was shot in the back. The wound is not dangerous. Williams escaped.

Services were held today in the Catholic and Episcopal churches. These churches are beautifully decorated for the Christmas season.

SUIT OVER TRIVIAL AMOUNT.

Circuit Court of Amherst County Adjourns for Term.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
AMHERST, Va., December 25.—The December term of the Circuit Court of Amherst county adjourned Thursday night, and Judge Gordon left for his home at Lovingston. The number of jury cases tried at this term was small, but a good deal of business was disposed of. The ejectment suit of Colonel C. B. Christian against Miss Marion Bullock, from the Walkerford section, ended on Thursday, with the plaintiff taking a judgment for \$100. The case was brought to try the title to about one-twentieth of an acre of land, in the possession of the defendant, and claimed by the plaintiff. The land involved is worth but a few dollars, but both parties made a determined fight over it. Many people from that section attended the court as witnesses in this case.

FINED FOR SELLING LIQUOR.

Defendant Also Gives Bond to Obey Law.

LYNCHBURG, Va., December 25.—In the Police Court this morning Claude Daniel, a white man, who was arrested several days ago, pleaded guilty to the charge of selling liquor without a license. The liquor was alleged to have been sold in a storeroom on Salem Street.

Daniel was fined \$50 and required to furnish bond in the penalty of \$500, the condition of which is that he will not violate the Byrd law again within twelve months. The fine was paid and the surety furnished.

LOSES CONTROL OF CAR.

Prevented by Pole From Dashing Over Twenty-Five Persons.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LYNCHBURG, Va., December 25.—The street car operating between Main Street and Union passenger station got away from the motorman today and dashed down the steep incline on Seventh Street at the old city to Jefferson Street. The car left the rails and would have gone over a twenty-foot embankment onto the Norfolk and Western tracks but for an electric light pole, which demolished the front of the car, a part of the car, however, extending over the tracks. The trip was at the time when there were no trains, and the car was without passengers. When the car men saw the car was unmanageable they jumped and escaped injury.

KILLED BY TRAIN.

Stranger in Bristol Falls Under Wheels and Meets Instant Death.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BRISTOL, Va., December 25.—Edward Kelly, a stranger, probably not older than twenty years, and who gave his home as Covington, Ky., when released from the city jail here, was run down and killed on the local railway tracks today. He is believed to have been thrown under the wheels of an outgoing freight train, which he was probably attempting to board.

Morris—Crouch.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, Va., December 25.—John Morris and Miss Laura E. Crouch, both of Evinston, Campbell county, were married here Thursday night, the officiating minister being Rev. W. H. Grubb, pastor of the Deerington Christian Church. They will live at Evinston, where the groom is a farmer.

R. G. Scott's Will Probed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, Va., December 25.—The will of Robert G. Scott, who died last week, has been probated in the Corporation Court, Robert G. Scott, Jr., and W. D. Scott, the executors named in the will, qualifying and giving bond in the sum of \$50,000. The entire estate goes to the wife and children of the testator.

Upright Piano, \$75

THE CRAFTS PIANO CO.,

FIFTH AND GRACE STREETS,

RICHMOND, VA.

DIES NOT KNOWING OF HIS INDICTMENT

George P. Sheldon, Ousted President of Phenix, Must Answer at a Higher Bar.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NEW YORK, December 25.—George Preston Sheldon, former president of the Phenix Fire Insurance Company, accused of defalcations from the company's funds of more than \$1,000,000, died at Greenwich, Conn., at 7:30 o'clock this morning. Mr. Sheldon had been ill since October and had had very few lucid intervals. He had not been told of the discovery of his shortage by the State Superintendent of Insurance, and although he was indicted on December 8 on two counts, specifically charging the larceny of \$15,000, he knew nothing about it.

At the deathbed was his wife, who was Miss Carolyn Pendleton, and their daughter, Miss Carolyn Sheldon, his three daughters by a former wife—Mrs. George Wadsworth Gordon, Mrs. John Walcott Adams and Mrs. Thomas Buclain Wells, the latter with her husband, and his two sons, George Preston Sheldon, Jr., and Waldo Sheldon, the latter a mining engineer in Mexico.

Mr. Sheldon's illness was caused by pneumonia poisoning. Inflammation of the heart followed. Mr. Sheldon's condition became so grave Friday that Dr. Lamb, who was summoned hastily from New York to perform another operation, but he found his patient in such a critical condition that he did not dare use the knife. Mr. Sheldon sank into a comatose state Friday night and did not rally before death. Two weeks before he became ill. An official report issued by State Superintendent of Insurance Hotchkiss charged him with misappropriation of funds, with forgery of reports to the insurance company, with "wash sales" of unquestionable assets and recommended to him the criminal authorities of New York county for such action as seemed proper. The report further stated that officials of the insurance department who were said to have "borrowed" large sums from the Phenix Company. Among these men were some who have been censured by the Armstrong investigating committee for lax methods of examination.

Investigation of the affairs of the Phenix Company developed the charge that President Sheldon had forged a page of the book of minutes for the year 1902 in such a way as to give him power to do as he chose with the assets of the company.

Most of the money is said to have been lost in speculation, it being charged that Mr. Sheldon for years had maintained at least one margin account in the name of the company, using the company's assets as collateral for his speculations. On December 6 the directors of the company removed Mr. Sheldon from the position he had held twenty-two years. Two days later he was indicted. He was sixty-two years old.



GEORGE P. SHELDON.

HOME-SEEKERS TO VISIT STATE

Party From Michigan Expected to Arrive Within Few Days.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, Va., December 25.—The Chamber of Commerce is advised that John Ellsmere, an assistant engineer in the Board of Public Works of Battle Creek, Mich., left that city yesterday at the head of a party of Michigan home-seekers, who are to visit Virginia for the purpose of starting a colony in this State.

The party will visit a number of sections of the State, and it is understood, that it will be here early during the coming week, making this one of the first points to be visited.

It is understood that the party is desirous of locating at some point where a colony can be started for the purpose of engaging in general contract work, and for the purpose of buying land to induce settlers from the West to become owners of homes.

APPOINTMENT OF MARSHAL.

Pennsylvania Man May Get Rich Plum.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ASHEVILLE, N. C., December 25.—Local Republicans are much exercised over the fear that M. D. McKee, a Pennsylvania man, who has been living here but a few years, will be named as United States marshal. Congressman John C. Grant, an administration Republican, who is opposed to the Republican State organization, is backing McKee. Logan, of this city for appointment, although he is not strong with the administration.

The appointment of Mr. Grant's supporter, R. J. Luther, as postmaster at Biltmore will be held up in the Senate until an investigation is had of the removal of Mr. Fannie Reed.

The Congressman has been unable to secure Mrs. Reed's removal until he has secured a fair prospect of success, although he is not strong with the administration. McKee is alleged to have bribed Mrs. Reed to bribe him to retain his office. No notice was given Mrs. Reed of the charge, and she had no opportunity to answer it, and it is this feature which Senators Overman and Simmons will have investigated. McKee stands well, and there are no charges against him. He is filling the office under a recess appointment, and his name has not been sent to the Senate.

AGED NEGRO BURNED TO DEATH.

Charred Body Found in Ruins of His Cabin.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ASHEVILLE, N. C., December 25.—Burned to death in the fire which destroyed the little cabin in which he lived a lonely life, the charred body of Hudson Vance, a negro, ninety-seven years of age, was found yesterday morning a short distance below the Weaver power plant, five miles down the French Broad River from Asheville. Deceitful, he lived on his own, and was able to attend to his wants, a colored family living nearby giving him some attention. It is supposed that on account of the cold weather Hudson built a large fire in the old chimney, and that he was suffocated while he slept.

Doyle—Brooks.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, Va., December 25.—At Bethesda Presbyterian Church last night the marriage of Miss Minnie Edith Brooks to Walter Thomas Doyle took place. Rev. F. E. Hill, of the Rivermont Avenue Presbyterian Church, officiating. Miss Lora Brooks was the bridesmaid, and Miss Minnie Brooks was the maid of honor. William Meeks was the best man, and Whitney Wood the groomsmen.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis will live in the city.

Peters—Uppike.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, Va., December 25.—Last evening at the study of the Rivermont Avenue Presbyterian Church, Miss Iva Maude Uppike and Harold M. Peters were married. Rev. P. Bernard Hill being the officiating minister. They will visit in Bedford county during the holidays, after which they will reside in the city.

Burford—Hughes.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LYNCHBURG, Va., December 25.—The marriage of Miss Blanche Hughes to William Burford took place in Centenary Methodist Church, in Amherst county. Rev. P. E. Arthur was the officiating minister. Misses Rena Damoren, Mattie Lewis and Rena Jennings were the attendants, and Paxton Hill was best man.

URGES RECLAMATION OF LANDS IN SOUTH

Importance of Making Productive Vast Areas of Swamp Lands Pointed Out by B. F. Yoakum, Well-Known Railroad Man.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 25.—The importance and urgent need of the reclamation of unproductive swamp lands of the South and Southwest is strikingly presented in a letter to G. A. Cole, president of the Farmers' Union, by B. F. Yoakum, the well-known railroad man, who is taking a leading part in the development of the States in the Mississippi Valley. Mr. Yoakum tells the people of the South they should get busy on this question of reclaiming neglected swamp lands, and as an incentive to action pictures the practical results that are likely to follow such development.

This swampage in America is carried home in forceful manner to Mr. Cole, who is a citizen of Arkansas. There are 6,000,000 acres of undeveloped swamp lands in that State, which, if drained and settled, Mr. Yoakum demonstrates, would increase the wealth of the State and add 32 per cent. to Arkansas's entire population. The letter speaks of the existence of the same "neglected opportunities" in the other States of the South, equally as attractive and inviting for development.

This lettering of Mr. Yoakum, which is regarded by many Congressmen as the most effective word yet spoken in behalf of the reclamation of the rich swamp lands of the South, shows that drainage is much less costly, and produces quicker results than irrigation. It is pointed out that the Southern men to seize the present as the opportune time for the development of their sections, and will no doubt attract widespread attention. Mr. Yoakum's letter follows here-with:

December 12, 1909.

Mr. Yoakum's Letter.

In reference to our correspondence and talks on the subject of reclamation of unproductive swamp lands, I wish to bring to your attention the importance of reclamation by drainage of the swamp lands of Arkansas and the Mississippi Valley.

From a business standpoint we are all interested in such development, but the question goes far beyond the advantage and loss of individual or corporations. There is no question before the public at this time so pressing as that of increasing the quantity of foodstuffs of this country. It is an accepted fact that the consumption of food is increasing at a greater ratio than its production. Any proposition which involves the bringing under cultivation more acres of land concerns not only the man or men who will own and cultivate that land, but the millions who will be supplied with its products.

Much has been accomplished in the Northwest in reclaiming arid lands by irrigation. This is one of the most important works the government has undertaken, but the reclamation of arid lands is slow of results and expensive compared with drainage of our swamp lands; besides the arid lands put under cultivation by irrigation are usually far from the great consuming centers of the country.

A transportation company is perfectly willing to haul a carload of tomatoes, potatoes, beets or other vegetables 1,500 or 2,000 miles from an irrigation farm to the city where it is to be eaten, but this is not good business for the thrifty housekeeper, who is the one that pays the transportation charges on her supply of table vegetables. The more delicate and luscious fruits and berries, which are raised on extensive irrigated lands, are really consumed in expensive city restaurants and hotels, and in homes where cost of living does not have to be considered. These far-off irrigated farms do not produce the potatoes, tomatoes, onions, beans, peas, etc., which are sold in the city at large, congested cities, where small items of cost are matters of serious importance. When we enter fashionable hotels and restaurants in New York, Chicago and other cities, and order half a catflop at 35 to 40 cents,

too fancy prices for the working classes.

Do not understand me as talking against irrigation. I am for it. It is important work and must be pushed forward. What I do say is that so much more can be done with the same amount of money in reclaiming swamp lands, the results of which will be immediate with the productiveness where it is most needed. The reclamation of such lands should have immediate consideration.

Government aid for drainage is not without precedent. In France one-third of the cost of large drainage projects is borne by the government, one-sixth by the State, and the balance by the owners of the land. As recently as 1900 Italy appropriated \$18,000,000 for drainage work. The government of England has at various times come to the aid of drainage projects, and is now considering extending this work in the aid of its agricultural interests. In our Southern States, where drainage is so important, it would be fair to all interests if the property to be benefited were taxed one-third of the cost, leaving two-thirds to be advanced by the Federal government and by the States, under a law which would safeguard the property owners would refund to the Federal government and the States, under a reasonable interest charge for the use of the money loaned.

As a Southerner, I desire to say that

Possibilities in Mississippi.

On the assumption that the Mississippi Valley would be divided into farms of an average of eighty acres, which would provide 312,500 farmers with comfortable homes, and that there would be seven persons, including children, to the farm, it would increase the population of that section 2,200,000, which would be added to by the population of numerous thrifty towns. These lands would immediately appreciate in value over their present figure not less than \$30 per acre, a total increase of \$750,000,000 on land values alone, to say nothing of the farm, machine and stock raising, other enterprises, which would be developed. The total value of the Mississippi Valley, which would be added to by the population of numerous thrifty towns. These lands would immediately appreciate in value over their present figure not less than \$30 per acre, a total increase of \$750,000,000 on land values alone, to say nothing of the farm, machine and stock raising, other enterprises, which would be developed. 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